

### **REMARKS**

In an Office Action dated January 10, 2005, a Restriction Requirement divides the application into the following four Groups:

Group I: claims 1 – 6, drawn to a method and apparatus for registering an IP terminal device (classified in U.S. class 370, subclass 230);

Group II: claims 7 – 9, drawn to a network-gatekeeper device (classified in U.S. class 370, subclass 401);

Group III: claims 10 – 12, drawn to a network-gateway device (classified in U.S. class 370, subclass 401); and

Group IV: claim 13, drawn to an IP terminal device (classified in U.S. class 370, subclass 352).

According to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, comprising claims 1 - 6, without traverse. Applicants reserve their right to one or more divisional applications relating to claims in Groups II - IV at a later date.

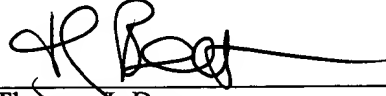
Applicants also add new dependent claim 14, which depends from current claim 1, and essentially adds to current claim 1 the limitations of current claim 13. No new matter is added.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1- 6 and 14, consisting of independent claims 1 and 3, and the claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in

condition for allowance, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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